

CLAIMS:

1. A method of securing a tube to an aircraft engine housing using a clamping assembly including a first strap clamp and a second strap clamp, the first strap clamp including an elongate body which includes a first portion and a second portion unitarily extending from the first portion, the first portion including a first thickness and the second portion including a second thickness, said method
5 comprising the steps of:

securing the first strap clamp including the first portion and the second portion unitarily extending from the first portion, to the aircraft engine housing; and

securing the tube to the first strap clamp with the second strap clamp.

10 2. A method of securing a tube to an aircraft engine housing in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the first portion includes a plurality of apertures, the elongate body is rigid, and the second strap clamp includes a plurality of openings, said step of securing the tube to the first strap clamp with the second strap clamp further comprises the step of bending the second strap clamp around the tube
15 to position the plurality of openings within the second strap clamp in alignment with the apertures disposed within the first strap clamp.

3. A method of securing a tube to an aircraft engine housing in accordance with Claim 3 wherein the clamping assembly includes a plurality of threaded fasteners, said step of securing the tube to the first strap clamp with the
20 second strap clamp further comprises the step of inserting the threaded fasteners through the openings into the apertures and tightening the second strap clamp to the first strap clamp.

4. A strap clamp comprising:

a unitary elongate body comprising a first portion and a second portion extending from said first portion, said first portion comprising a first thickness, said second portion comprising a second thickness.

5 5. A strap clamp in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said elongate body is rigid.

6. A strap clamp in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said second portion is thicker than said first portion.

10 7. A strap clamp in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said second portion is rectangular in shape.

8. A strap clamp in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said elongate body further comprises a plurality of apertures.

9. A strap clamp in accordance with Claim 8 wherein said plurality of apertures comprises two apertures.

15 10. A strap clamp in accordance with Claim 8 wherein said apertures are disposed within said first portion.

11. A strap clamp in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said elongate body is further comprised of stainless steel.

12. A clamping assembly comprising:

20 a first strap clamp comprising a unitary elongate body, said elongate body comprising a first portion and a second portion unitarily extending from said first portion, said first portion comprising a first thickness, said second portion comprising a second thickness; and

a second strap clamp configured to attach to said first strap clamp.

13. A clamping assembly in accordance with Claim 12 wherein said second portion is thicker than said first portion.

5 14. A clamping assembly in accordance with Claim 12 wherein said second portion is rectangular in shape.

15. A clamping assembly in accordance with Claim 12 wherein said first portion further comprises a plurality of apertures.

16. A clamping assembly in accordance with Claim 15 wherein said plurality of apertures is two apertures.

10 17. A clamping assembly in accordance with Claim 12 wherein said second strap clamp is further configured to attach to said first portion of said first strap clamp.

18. A clamping assembly in accordance with Claim 12 wherein said first strap clamp is further comprised of stainless steel.

15 19. A clamping assembly in accordance with Claim 12 wherein said first strap clamp is rigid.